

Minutes

Citizen's District Council Meeting
City of Muskegon CDBG
Conference Room 203
Muskegon, Michigan
November 3rd, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Tom Pastoor at 5:32 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken by Samantha Pulos-Porter, and a quorum was present.

➤ Present:

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| ✓ Tom Pastoor | ✓ Chris Carter |
| ✓ Veania Coleman | ✓ Addie Sanders-Randall |
| ✓ Kim McDonald | ✓ Kim Burr |

➤ Absent:

➤ Excused:

- ✓ Lisa Judge
- ✓ Ken Johnson
- ✓ Oneata Bailey

➤ Staff Present:

- ✓ Samantha Ferguson
- ✓ Samantha Pulos-Porter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Carter motioned to approve the minutes, from October 4th, 2016; Ms. Coleman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

• CAPER Review Period: change from 30 days to either 15,20 or 30 days

Mr. Pastoor explained that there is a request to change the CAPER review period. Mr. Carter motioned to approve the change to the CAPER review period and it was seconded by Ms. McDonald. Mr. Pastoor asked for discussion and also asked if the change is in line with HUD regulations. Mr. Carter added that it was, and that Oneata previously said that it has always been 30 days but it doesn't have to be, and that the 30 day comment period makes it hard for her to get the report done by the deadline. Ms. Burr asked if we're changing it to 15 and Mr. Carter replied that she (Oneata) plans to use the 20 day comment period and that will give her ten more days to get it done. Mr. Pastoor asked if all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

• Homebuyer's Assistance: race category clarification

Mr. Pastoor asked if Chris (Carter) had a question in the previous minutes concerning what the letter “M” stood for on the Homebuyer’s Assistance Program Stats Report. Mr. Carter asked what racial category that it stood for. Ms. Pulos replied that the letter “M” was actually transposed (from another category) and what each of the racial categories defined by HUD were (B=Black, W=White, H=Hispanic, A=Asian, AI=American Indian) and offered to give Mr. Carter a copy of the report if he would like. He declined. She also explained that we went out to HUD’s website to verify the classifications. Mr. Pastoor asked if there was any other old business.

Ms. McDonald stated that last time we just went over where all the money (that is received from HUD) went and that all of it was done and approved. Multiple people agreed. Ms. McDonald asked when the next money will arrive. Mr. Carter stated around the beginning of the year and that the initial figures always get cut and monies will be designated to different things after that point. Mr. Carter and Mr. Pastoor added that the way money is released to CHDOs has been changed from previous years and that they receive money as they accomplish projects. There was also general discussion about Midtown Square Houses and their progress, as well as how Habitat always completes their projects.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **December and January: meeting schedule**

Mr. Carter motioned to approve the cancelation of both the December and January CDC Meetings, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:

- **1477 Nolan: open house**

Mr. Pastoor asked where 1477 Nolan was located. Ms. Burr responded that it was located in Pinch Town. She remarked that it was a cool street with a creek that runs behind the house. Mr. Carter added that he looked it up on Google Maps. Ms. Pulos described that it was located by Wasserman’s Flower Shop, on the way out to Lake Michigan. Multiple people added descriptions of where the neighborhood was located. Ms. Burr added that the progress was very slow on the property. Ms. Pulos added that the progress on the Sampson property was exactly the opposite and was flying by. General discussion was had about the neighborhood and houses in both areas. Ms. Pulos stated the sale price was going to be \$125,000. Ms. Burr asked about the open house and Ms. Pulos stated that it was held on Halloween and went well.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Carter entertained a motion to adjourn at 5:57pm, which was unanimously accepted.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting date is: February 7th, 2017

DISCUSSION:

There was general discussion about the importance of Neighborhood Associations and the differences in other areas of the country in terms of the friendliness of people, as well as differences in behaviors in our own neighborhoods in Muskegon.